Expedition to Antarctica
Aboard the Deluxe M.S. Le Boréal
January 26 to February 8, 2016
Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Carleton, and of former Carleton president and celebrated Antarctic explorer Laurence McKinley Gould, we are pleased to present this spectacular winter 2016 cruise to Antarctica, Earth’s “last frontier.” Accompanied by two Carleton program leaders—Senior Associate in Archives, Eric Hilleman, and Professor of Geology, Mary Savina (’72)—you will learn about Gould’s life, his scientific achievements, and his adventures in Antarctica while exploring one of the most exhilarating landscapes this planet has to offer.

Experience “The White Continent” in its unspoiled state—fantastically shaped icebergs, turquoise glaciers, bustling penguin rookeries and breaching whales—during the lingering light of the austral summer. Accompanied by the ship’s expert expedition team of naturalists, board sturdy Zodiac craft for excursions ashore and observe the antics of Antarctica’s abundant wildlife—penguins and seals, especially, are unafraid of human visitors. Hilleman, Savina, and the expedition team will provide a series of enriching lectures on this untouched wilderness and the history of its exploration.

You will cruise aboard the elegant, five-star, ice-class M.S. Le Boreal, one of the finest vessels in Antarctic waters. By design, the ship is energy efficient, environmentally protective of marine ecosystems, and has been awarded the prestigious Clean Ship rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. Spend two nights in the deluxe Plaza Hotel Buenos Aires, including a tour of the vibrant capital city. Choose to extend your journey with the exclusive three-night Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option.

We hope you will join fellow alumni and friends for what might be the single greatest travel experience of your life. Space aboard this ship in the Antarctic goes quickly, so we encourage you to contact the Alumni Adventures office now and take advantage of the Early Booking Savings!

Sincerely,

Robert D. Smulian, Class of ’78
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

P.S. For more information on other Alumni Adventures, please visit go.carleton.edu/adventures.

Currently Carleton’s Senior Associate in Archives, Eric Hilleman has been an archivist at Carleton College since 1990. His biography of former Carleton president and celebrated Antarctic explorer Laurence M. Gould was published in 2012 as A Beacon So Bright: The Life of Laurence McKinley Gould. Hilleman co-led a 2006 Alumni Adventures trip to Antarctica, while he was working on his Gould biography. Accompanying Hilleman on this adventure will be his wife, Claire Hill, who is the James L. Krusenmark Professor of Law and founding director of the Institute for Law and Rationality at the University of Minnesota Law School.

Mary Savina (’72) is Charles L. Denison Professor of Geology at Carleton College, where she earned undergraduate degrees in history and geology. Her specialties—geoarchaeology, landscape history, and environmental geology—combine these interests nicely. Savina received the 2013 Undergraduate Research Mentor award, presented by the Geosciences division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. Although this trip will be Savina’s first visit to South America and Antarctica, she has taken Carleton students and/or alums to Greece, New Zealand, Australia, Iceland, Alaska, and the deserts of the American Southwest.
Wildlife Conservation

The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica's wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent, where no country has sovereignty.

To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all travelers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to over visit rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. All visitors will be asked to take—and leave—nothing ashore.

U.S.
Tuesday, January 26
Depart the U.S.

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Wednesday, January 27
Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES, overlooking the lovely Plaza San Martin park and adjacent to the chic boutique-lined Calle Florida. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception.

Buenos Aires
Thursday, January 28
Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango, is a city of diverse and dynamic barrios (neighborhoods).

Buenos Aires/USHUAIA
Friday, January 29
This morning, fly to remote Ushuaia, the world’s southernmost city, the capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica, where you will embark M.S. LE BORÉAL. This afternoon, cruise through the Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

See the colorful La Boca district, Monserrat’s grand public buildings and historic Plaza de Mayo, Palermo’s lavish parks, Puerto Madero’s riverfront community and the charming old quarter of San Telmo. Visit the city’s historic Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Evita Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina.

Cover photo: Discover a magical world of stunning mountain vistas, abundant marine life and pristine seas on this journey of a lifetime.

Photo this page: Both captivating and entertaining, penguins are often the first to greet visitors on Antarctica’s shores.

The southern giant petrel spends most of its life at sea, yet often returns to the same nest annually.
Cruising Drake Passage
Saturday, January 30 to Sunday, January 31
Cross the legendary Drake Passage. Upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin, humpback and minke whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by the cold Antarctic currents merging with the warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The expedition team of naturalists will present insightful lectures to prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica.

Cruising Antarctica
Monday, February 1 to Friday, February 5
The ship cruises below the 60th parallel to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, Earth’s last frontier. Here, explore some of the world’s most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and lava create precipitous coastlines and islands, and changing patterns of ice can be seen. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. From spectacular volcanic topography and majestic glaciers to fascinating wildlife and historic outposts, this itinerary reveals the highlights of the region for the complete Antarctic experience.

Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and positionings are dependent on weather, ice and sea conditions and are subject to change.

In contrast to sociable Adélie penguins, who congregate in large colonies, the leopard seal cherishes his solitude and independence.
In **Paradise Bay**, awesome cliffs of ice descend from the surrounding mountains into the floating iceberg-laden waters along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, Paradise Bay is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels. **Deception Island** is actually the rim of a massive dormant volcano crater that encircles a caldera known as Port Foster, where the ship enters through dramatic Neptune’s Bellows.

**Pendulum Cove** is a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In **Pendulum Cove**, see the steaming, geothermally heated waters of the Antarctic. Observe the amazing colony of tens of thousands of chinstrap penguins at Baily Head. Then walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, which offer fascinating insight into the volcanic activity that created the island and played a pivotal role in the natural history of the region.

One of the smallest but most beautiful of the South Shetland Islands, **Half Moon Island** is a crescent-shaped isle known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also the site of Cámara Station, a base monitored by Argentine biologists studying regional wildlife. Here, observe the antics of the island’s colony of chinstrap penguins and enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer.

![A visit to Antarctica offers an unparalleled opportunity to get an up-close view of chinstrap penguins in their natural habitat.](image)

**Cruising Drake Passage**

**Saturday, February 6**

Relax and reflect on board as the ship turns north and crosses the Drake Passage.

Enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship’s naturalists. Watch for endangered albatross and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence.

**Ushuaia, Argentina/Buenos Aires**

**Sunday, February 7**

Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires. Continue on the Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option with an overnight stay in Buenos Aires, or depart for the U.S.

**U.S.**

**Monday, February 8**

Arrive in the U.S.

**Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option**

**February 7 to 11**

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Iguazu Falls, one of the most incredible wonders of nature along the Brazil-Argentina frontier, features more than 275 spectacular waterfalls cascading from heights of 270 feet through the breathtaking virgin rainforest. Walk among the Argentine Falls and admire magnificent panoramic views of Devil’s Gorge, the highest of the falls. The lush jungle setting of Parque das Aves is a nature lover’s paradise as it is home to more than 350 species of birds, 66 varieties of mammals and a mind-boggling array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and flora. This exclusive three-night Post-Program Option features one night of accommodations in the deluxe **PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES** and two nights in the deluxe **SHERATON IGUAZU RESORT & SPA**. Buenos Aires round-trip airfare is included.

**Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.**
Five-Star, Ice-Class Ship, State-of-the-Art Design
The highly acclaimed, exclusively chartered M.S. LE BORÉAL, launched in 2010, represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms and distinctive French sophistication.

Spacious 100% Ocean-View Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies
Each deluxe Stateroom and Suite (200 to 484 square feet) features a private bathroom with shower and luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining
International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious La Licorne dining room in single, unassigned seatings; in the casual La Boussole Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/World-Class Service and Facilities
Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge, nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge, and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment
The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” rating, an extreme rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has 10 Zodiacs.
Included Features
In Buenos Aires, Argentina
◆ Two nights in the deluxe PLAZA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES, and breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.
◆ City tour featuring the popular neighborhoods of Palermo, Monserrat, La Boca, Puerto Madero and San Telmo, and visit to the historic Recoleta Cemetery.

On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, Ice-Class m.s. LE BORÉAL
◆ Nine nights round trip Ushuaia, Argentina, cruising to Antarctica’s Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, Lemaire Channel, Petermann Island, Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Deception Island and Half Moon Island, conditions permitting.
◆ Spacious, Five-Star, ocean-view Suite or Stateroom accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ All meals—continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Exploration by Zodiac landing craft, accompanied by an expert naturalist from the expedition team.
◆ Shore excursions to explore Antarctica’s diverse wildlife habitats, including major penguin rookeries.
◆ Onboard expedition team of naturalists who provide a series of lectures about local wildlife and topography.
◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka to wear.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel and aboard ship.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Your Expedition Team

Seasoned naturalists, who have studied and traveled extensively in Antarctica and the most remote regions of the world, will accompany you aboard the M.S. LE BORÉAL as your Antarctic Expedition Team. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. The team’s collaborative efforts, experience, particular interest in the world’s ecosystems and enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica.

Exploration of Antarctica

Carleton College’s Alumni Adventures Expedition to Antarctica honors the long connection with Antarctic exploration and science of Carleton’s fifth president, Laurence M. Gould, who had been chief scientist and second-in-command on the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition (1928-30). On that expedition, Gould led a six-man geographical party on an epic 1500-mile dog sledge journey from Little America to the Queen Maud Mountains and back. Later Gould became head of Carleton’s Department of Geology and, from 1945-62, president of the College. In the late 1950s he also served as Director of the U.S. Antarctic Program for the International Geophysical Year. Altogether Gould made seven trips to Antarctica, the last in 1979 when he was 83 years old and considered the world’s most eminent living Antarctic.
EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA RESERVATION FORM

Send to: Carleton College Alumni Adventures
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Walpole, NH 03608
(800) 811-7244 Toll: (603) 756-4844
Email: carleton@studytours.org Website: go.carleton.edu/adventures

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $______, as deposit.
- Make checks payable to EOS Passenger Account - CAA Antarctica 1/16.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $______ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _______
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- Iguazú Falls Post-Cruise Option Jungle View Rooms:
  - Double at $1995 per person.
  - Single at $2595 per person.
- Falls View Rooms:
  - Double at $2195 per person.
  - Single at $2795 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

If I/We want to book my/our air from Argentina, at additional cost to round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is $850 per person additional and subject to change.

- Taxes are an additional $865 per person and are subject to change.
- Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is $850 per person additional and subject to change.

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Please review the Expedition to Antarctica Reservation Form carefully and follow all instructions provided. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Carleton College Alumni Adventures at (800) 811-7244 or email carleton@studytours.org.
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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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